



# ASHLAND

## Middlesex County



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## NARRATIVE

### **Narrative**

The Town of Ashland's ideal location midway between Boston and Worcester provides easy access to the interstate highway system and the Massachusetts Turnpike. Ashland was, in earlier times, a stopping point on a major Indian trail which later became known as the Bay Path, connecting Cambridge and Connecticut. It was here that a community of Natick Indians was established as the Village of Magunkaquog in about 1659. Once the original starting point of the world famous Boston Marathon, which still runs through Ashland, the town is also known as the site of Henry Warren's invention of the electric clock, later manufactured here under the Telechron name.

Ashland, although predominantly residential, is committed to a close working relationship with its business community. Businesses, residents and visitors look forward to "Ashland Day", a not-to-be-missed annual celebration of traditional New England spirit.

(Narrative supplied by community)



# GEOGRAPHY

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## Location

Eastern Massachusetts, bordered by Sherborn on the east, Framingham on the north, Southborough on the west and northwest, and Hopkinton and Holliston on the south. Ashland is 20 miles east of Worcester, 22 miles west of Boston, and 191 miles from New York City.

**Total Area:** 12.93 sq. miles

**Land Area:** 12.45 sq. miles

**Population:** 12,066

**Density:** 969 per sq. mile

## Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Framingham Station)

Normal temperature in January.....24.7°F

Normal temperature in July.....72.9°F

Normal annual precipitation.....44.9"

## U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Framingham, Holliston, Marlborough

## Regional Planning Agency

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

## Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Boston



# GOVERNMENT

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## Municipal Offices

Main Number: (508) 881-0100

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

## Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Town Manager

Open Town Meeting

## Year Incorporated

As a town: 1846

## Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

Number	%
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Total Registered 7,482

Democrats 2,029 27.1 % Republicans 952 12.7 % Other parties 2 0.0 % Unenrolled Voters 4,499 60.1 %

## Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



# DEMOGRAPHICS

**Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000**

Geographic Area: Ashland town, Middlesex County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	14,674	100.0	<b>HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE</b>		
<b>SEX AND AGE</b>			Total population.....	14,674	100.0
Male.....	7,100	48.4	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	428	2.9
Female.....	7,574	51.6	Mexican.....	34	0.2
Under 5 years.....	1,153	7.9	Puerto Rican.....	132	0.9
5 to 9 years.....	1,092	7.4	Cuban.....	16	0.1
10 to 14 years.....	944	6.4	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	246	1.7
15 to 19 years.....	719	4.9	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	14,246	97.1
20 to 24 years.....	633	3.6	White alone.....	13,226	90.1
25 to 34 years.....	2,145	14.6	<b>RELATIONSHIP</b>		
35 to 44 years.....	3,060	20.9	Total population.....	14,674	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	2,372	16.2	In households.....	14,642	99.8
55 to 59 years.....	729	5.0	Householder.....	5,720	39.0
60 to 64 years.....	495	3.4	Spouse.....	3,386	23.1
65 to 74 years.....	856	5.8	Child.....	4,373	29.8
75 to 84 years.....	483	3.3	Own child under 18 years.....	3,541	24.1
85 years and over.....	93	0.6	Other relatives.....	450	3.1
Median age (years).....	37.4	(X)	Under 18 years.....	124	0.8
18 years and over.....	10,967	74.7	Nonrelatives.....	713	4.9
Male.....	5,238	35.7	Unmarried partner.....	321	2.2
Female.....	5,729	39.0	In group quarters.....	32	0.2
21 years and over.....	10,653	72.6	Institutionalized population.....	26	0.2
62 years and over.....	1,706	11.6	Noninstitutionalized population.....	6	-
65 years and over.....	1,432	9.8	<b>HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE</b>		
Male.....	627	4.3	Total households.....	5,720	100.0
Female.....	805	5.5	Family households (families).....	4,023	70.3
<b>RACE</b>			With own children under 18 years.....	2,029	35.5
One race.....	14,371	97.9	Married-couple family.....	3,386	59.2
White.....	13,482	91.9	With own children under 18 years.....	1,714	30.0
Black or African American.....	262	1.8	Female householder, no husband present.....	465	8.1
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	15	0.1	With own children under 18 years.....	235	4.1
Asian.....	363	2.5	Nonfamily households.....	1,697	29.7
Asian Indian.....	157	1.1	Householder living alone.....	1,296	22.7
Chinese.....	117	0.8	Householder 65 years and over.....	404	7.1
Filipino.....	25	0.2	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	2,131	37.3
Japanese.....	16	0.1	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	1,061	18.5
Korean.....	24	0.2	Average household size.....	2.56	(X)
Vietnamese.....	11	0.1	Average family size.....	3.04	(X)
Other Asian <sup>1</sup> .....	13	0.1	<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	4	-	Total housing units.....	5,794	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	1	-	Occupied housing units.....	5,720	98.7
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	-	-	Vacant housing units.....	74	1.3
Samoa.....	-	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander <sup>2</sup> .....	3	-	occasional use.....	13	0.2
Some other race.....	245	1.7	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.3	(X)
Two or more races.....	303	2.1	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	2.6	(X)
<i>Race alone or in combination with one</i>			<b>HOUSING TENURE</b>		
<i>or more other races:</i> <sup>3</sup>			Occupied housing units.....	5,720	100.0
White.....	13,748	93.7	Owner-occupied housing units.....	4,556	79.7
Black or African American.....	347	2.4	Renter-occupied housing units.....	1,164	20.3
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	54	0.4	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.66	(X)
Asian.....	432	2.9	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.17	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	4	-			
Some other race.....	404	2.8			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

<sup>2</sup> Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

<sup>3</sup> In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



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# HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

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**Home Sales** (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

**Subsidized Housing Units** (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

**Public Housing Units** (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State: 40

Conventional Federal: 0

**Rental Assistance**(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP: 0

Federal (Section 8): 0



# TRANSPORTATION

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## TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Ashland is situated in the Greater Boston Area, which has excellent rail, air, and highway facilities. State Route 128 and Interstate Route 495 divide the region into inner and outer zones, which are connected by numerous "spokes" providing direct access to the airport, port, and intermodal facilities of Boston.

### Major Highways

Principal highways are State Routes 126 and 135. The Massachusetts Turnpike, Interstate 90, is easily accessible in the neighboring town of Framingham.

### Rail

Commuter rail service to Back Bay Station and South Station, Boston, is available from Framingham. Travel time to BBS: 42-45 min.; 121 MBTA parking spaces available. Freight rail service is available from Conrail. Contact number: (617) 783-6222.

### Bus

Ashland is a member of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA). LIFT offers hourly bus service between Ashland, Framingham and Hopkinton.

### Other

The Worcester Municipal Airport, a Primary Commercial (PR) facility with scheduled passenger service, is easily accessible. It has 2 asphalt runways 5,500' and 6,999' long. Instrument approaches available: Precision and non-precision.



# CULTURE AND RECREATION

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## LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

(American Association of Museums)

Ashland Historical Society

2 Myrtle Street

(508) 881-8183

## MUSEUMS

## RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

**Recreational Facilities** (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



# MISCELLANEOUS

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## HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

### Hospitals

None

### Long Term Care

None

### Hospices

None

### Rest Homes

Mill Pond Rest Home

### UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)



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